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CLAIMS

1. An electromechanical control unit (12) for a musical instrument having keypad and/or touch pad areas (102) for controlling a signal processing unit,

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wherein the control unit (12) includes a surface element (101),

whereby settings and values of said signal processing unit that can be changed by the user are controlled by touching of the surface element,

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which surface element has keypad and/or touch areas (102) provided with fixed and/or alternating symbols whereby changeable parameter values of the signal processing unit are controlled by touching and/or by gliding on said symbol with finger(s) or some other means,

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characterised in that in order to adjust the parameter values that can be changed by the user the control unit consists of a thin and elastic layered structure whereby touching it generates there between the electrode surfaces a charge or voltage or capacitance change the place and/or amplitude of which is calculated with a microprocessor or alike, and based on this information said changeable parameter values are changed.

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2. A control unit as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that it includes at least one sensor matrix element (108) wherein at least part of the signal electrodes (106) corresponding to the touch sensitive areas (102) is coupled with resistors or capacitors (110) to each other and whereby the areas coupled to each other have at their outermost areas (109) been coupled to preamplifiers.

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3. A sensor matrix element as claimed in claim 2 **characterised** in that when a single place is pressed the place that has been pressed can be calculated from signals having different values at the preamplifiers due to the resistors or capacitors, whereby the signal processing unit is controlled with this information.

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4. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that based on the pressing force the operation of the pressed area can be affected.

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5. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that in connection with the pressing the electric charge generated between the electrodes (106, 105) lo-

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cated on the outer surfaces of the transducer film is used to charge the batteries of the device.

6. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that the electromechanical
5 film (95) is an so called electret bubble film.

7. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that an electronic switching
circuit is applied in the signal processing unit in order to adjust the gain of the
preamplifiers of the keypad or touch pad and to set the touch sensation suitable
10 for the user.

8. An electronic coupling circuit as claimed in claim 7 **characterised** in that it
comprises a processor for automatic adjustment of the gain of the preamplifiers
with help of a mathematic algorithm.

15 9. An electronic coupling circuit as claimed in claim 8 **characterised** in that
it comprises temperature measurement means.

10. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that it is of thin and elas-
20 tic material.

11. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that a display is ar-
ranged on its outer surface.

25 12. A device as claimed in claim 11 **characterised** in that the display is of
thin and elastic material.

13. A device as claimed in claim 1 **characterised** in that the electromechani-
cal response is based on piezoelectric material arranged in for of film or paint.